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Shunpei YAMAZAKI, et al.)
Serial No. 09/932,935) Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: 08/21/01) Examiner: Alexander Ghyka

For: LASER APPARATUS, LASER
ANNEALING METHOD, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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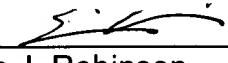
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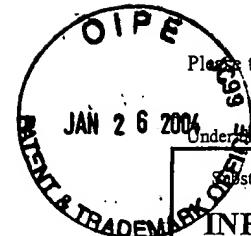
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the '637 application was not considered by the Examiner. Regarding the IDS filed January
13, 2003, a signed form 1449 for the IDS was enclosed with the Official Action dated April 15,
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Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of August 21, 2001;
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If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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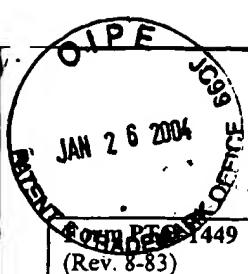
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